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1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A POST IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REQUESTED PARA 5. DURING THE CIVIL WAR, THE LEBANESE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM COLLAPSED ALONG WITH OTHER ELEMENTS OF SECURITY AND POLICE FUNCTIONS. WHILE THE REORGANIZATION OF LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES (ISF) HAS BEGUN, THE FOCUS OF ATTENTION IS ON SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY.

2. WE ARE CERTAIN THAT THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT WILL BE INTERESTED IN SUCH A PROGRAM IN BOTH AREAS OF NARCOTICS CONTROL AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AT SOME FUTURE DATE; HOWEVER, PRESENT NEEDS ARE FAR MORE BASIC. GOL HAS RETAINED POTENTIAL SERVICE OF APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THE FORMER ISF, WHICH HAS LOST UNIFORMS, WEAPONS, VEHICLES, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, ETC. UNTIL THE ISF CAN BE REORGANIZED AND RE-EQUIPPED, AND CAN REASSUME ITS BASIC PUBLIC SECURITY FUNCTIONS, IT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO UNDERTAKE A SPECIAL PROGRAM IN NARCOTICS CONTROL.

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3. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT LEBANON'S PARTICIPATION
IN SUCH A TRAINING PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL AND BE READ-
DRESSED AT A LATER DATE.
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